

We join the members of both the Catholic and Jewish communities worldwide in expressing appreciation to the efforts of the Catholic-Jewish Commission to build a bridge of faith and peace.

Mr. Speaker, please join us in congratulating the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey on their historic achievements and the signing of their interfaith Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation.

IN MEMORY OF EDITH FINLAYSON

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Wisconsin lost a true friend on Wednesday, with the passing of Edith Finlayson.

Edith was a self-made woman, an outstanding example for my daughters and for all young women. She was the daughter of a Baptist minister, and she drew on her faith for strength and guidance throughout her life. She earned a nursing degree and pursued advanced education in nursing administration.

Edith and her husband William moved to Milwaukee in 1958. She became the first African American nurse at Milwaukee's Veterans Administration hospital. Her talents and hard work won her the position of head nurse in the hospital's paraplegic unit.

When her own health failed, Edith left the VA hospital, but she did not retire. Instead, she began a long and illustrious second career as what our hometown newspaper aptly described as a "professional volunteer." Wisconsin's governor appointed Edith to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in 1980, and she represented the children of our community for decades with caring and distinction. Edith's dedicated leadership contributed immeasurably to the decision to bring doctoral programs to the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She was also an active steward of institutions including the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Area Technical College, the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Milwaukee Urban League, the NAACP and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center.

Edith Finlayson exemplified our Nation's finest spirit. She was an American who defined her citizenship not by her place of birth, but by her commitment to the betterment of our community. Though Wisconsin is diminished by her loss, we remain inspired by her example.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK J. TORNETTA

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia at Montgomery Hospital in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on their fifty years of academic and clinical training of nurse anesthetists.

Dr. Tornetta founded the school in 1951 to provide the community with highly educated and clinically competent nurse anesthetists.

Over the past fifty years, the school has graduated over 300 students. The nurse anesthetists from the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia are respected in their various fields and hold many high level positions in academic and administration fields. The school is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia.

A strong academic partnership exists between the La Salle University School of Nursing and the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia. This partnership has also received a one million dollar grant through the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

The Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia has been a premier institution at Montgomery Hospital for fifty years. It has developed a long tradition of excellence and a highly regarded reputation. Our community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educational presence in the health care field in our area. I am honored to celebrate this special day with the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL E. RIO ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable civil servant and protector of the public. I would like to honor Chief Michael E. Rio on his retirement from the Chicago Ridge Police Department and to pay tribute to his many years of service to the officers and citizens of the village of Chicago Ridge. Chief Rio retired from service to the department on August 31, 2001.

Chief Rio is a 31-year veteran of the Chicago Ridge Police Department. Hired as a patrol officer in 1970, he had risen to the rank of Detective and then was appointed Chief in August of 1987. He was the first member of the Chicago Ridge Police Department to attend the prestigious FBI national academy. His dedication, excellence, and courage can be seen through the numerous awards and commendations he has received, including two Awards of Valor for his actions in life-threatening incidents. Also, during his many years of service, Chief Rio has been instrumental in reforming the Chicago Ridge Police Department, making it one of the most state-of-the-art facilities around.

Chief Rio is well regarded by his family and the community for his personal character, honesty, and integrity. He is a father of four children, Linda, Joseph, Michelle, and Michael Jr., as well as the proud grandfather of six.

Mr. Speaker, as Chief Rio leaves behind a long and rich history at the Chicago Ridge Police Department, I would ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E. LEONARD

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the

accomplishments of the Honorable William E. Leonard, the father of the Honorable Bill Leonard, member of the California Assembly, 63rd District.

Mr. Leonard earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UC Berkeley in 1944, and served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 where he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. After his military service, he joined his father at the Leonard Realty & Building Company. He served as a member of the California State Highway Commission from 1973 to 1977, and was appointed to the California Transportation Commission from 1985 to 1993, and served as its chair in 1990 and 1991. Prior to that he was a member of the state's Athletic Commission from 1956 to 1958. He currently serves on the state's High-Speed Rail Authority.

Mr. Leonard has been actively involved in a number of community organizations. He is a member and past director of the San Bernardino Host Lions, a founding member and president of Inland Action, Inc., and a member of the National Orange Show Board of Directors, where he has served as President and Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is also a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino. He served on the San Bernardino Valley Board of Realtors, San Bernardino Valley Foundation, St. Bernadine's Hospital Foundation, and the University of California at Riverside Foundation.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the people of the State of California, and his involvement in bringing the Foothill Freeway to the Inland Empire, the California State Senate passed a resolution naming the interchange of I-15 and Route 210 as the William E. Leonard Interchange. A dedication ceremony took place on July 20, 2001.

Mr. Leonard's exemplary record of service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and thank him for the service he has provided to his community.

HONORING JOSEPH JURKULAK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a very caring and considerate individual who recently passed away. Joseph Jurkulak was a modest man who gave so much to the children of his community. Mr. Jurkulak was Glenwood Springs, Colorado's "Secret Santa" for the last nineteen years. He died in his home in Glenwood Springs at the age of 86.

In 1965, Mr. Jurkulak and his wife Ann moved from Denver to Glenwood Springs after Joseph retired as a construction superintendent. He was a loving husband and father but will be remembered by most for his generosity to the children of his community. In the early 1980s, Joe joined the Toys for Tots project and began collecting and fixing used toys. These toys became the highlight of many children's Christmas celebration after they were distributed by local police departments. He asked the police to keep his identity anonymous so that the department would receive